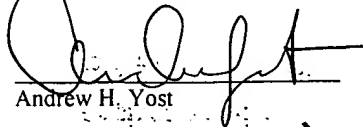




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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a formal inquiry into the status of the above referenced patent application. Applicant has not received any action from the Office since Applicant submitted a Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) with a response to the Examiners Final Office Action of June 5, 2002 on June 24, 2004.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

In the event that Applicant has overlooked the need for payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No.: 50-3010.

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